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### 2021 Wisconsin Act 247 [2021 Assembly Bill 1029]

### Department of Corrections Remedial Legislation

2021 Wisconsin Act 247 is remedial legislation introduced by the Law Revision Committee, at the request of the Department of Corrections (DOC), and makes changes to the oaths and bonds of office for prison wardens and superintendents.

Specifically, under current law, wardens and superintendents at adult correctional institutions are required to take an official oath of office. Act 247 requires that a warden or superintendent of a juvenile correctional facility must also take the oath of office.

The act also eliminates the requirement for wardens and superintendents to execute an official bond, which is a promise to repay any financial damages arising from an official's failure to faithfully discharge his or her duties of office. This bond requirement was created when wardens and superintendents were directly responsible for purchases and managing funds for their institutions, which is no longer the case.

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